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RE: Report required as per Section 18(B)(1) of Act 11 (HB 1) of the 2010 RLS

This letter serves as the report required in Section 18(B)(1) of Act 11 (HB 1) of the 2010 RLS. The FY 2010-11 appropriations of Department of Environmental Quality contain an allocation for one (1) public entity that is not a budget unit of the state, the Louisiana Rural Water Association (LRWA). In order to comply with Section 18(B)(1) of Act 11 (HB 1) of the 2010 RLS the department:

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- Submitted a budget for the LRWA to the Legislative Auditor including anticipated uses of the appropriation, the estimated duration of the project, a plan showing specific goals and objectives for the use of the funds, and performance measures.
- Entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the LRWA for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. This agreement includes:
 - A requirement for LRWA to submit monthly progress reports outlining their resources, initiatives, activities, services and performance consistent with the goals and objectives of the agreement.
 - A requirement for the submittal of a final report which shall include data collected prior to and after implementation of measures and technical assistance and statistics on energy saved.
 - That payment of funds to LRWA is made on a reimbursement basis. Therefore, LRWA receives funds monthly as they submit invoices and progress reports for work performed.
- Based on their monthly progress reports, the department has determined that the LRWA has used the funds set forth in the budget to achieve its goals and objectives for the use of the funds through March 31, 2011. We expect that the goals and objectives will continue to be achieved for April 1 – June 31, 2011 which is the end of cooperative endeavor agreement.

Sincerely,

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Undersecretary

Cc: Paul Rainwater, Commissioner of Administration
Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget